does take place at some locations. There is no negligence of Railway in it. Wherever trespassing is noticed, action is taken to prevent it.

**Gauge conversion of Mangalore-Hassan Railway Line**

5482. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gauge conversion of Mangalore-Hassan Railway line is underway for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress of implementation of the project is not satisfactory, primarily, owing to delay and inadequate release of funds by the Central Government; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for expeditious completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The gauge conversion of Mangalore-Hassan is in progress as part of Arsikere-Hassan-Mangalore project. On Mangalore-Hassan section, gauge conversion from Hassan to Sakleshpur has already been completed and commissioned. Conversion of Mangalore-Kabakaputtur is targeted for completed during 2002-2003. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources. This is one of the project identified for funding through K-RIDE to expedite completion.

**Crimes Committed in Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express**

5483. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that security in various trains has deteriorated during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of robberies, and other crimes committed on various